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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 10-26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please rewrite claims 1-3 as follows:

B1 1. (Amended) A process for producing an oxide single crystal, said process comprising the steps of melting a raw material of said oxide single crystal in a crucible, contacting a seed crystal to a melt of the raw material, drawing said melt from an opening of said crucible by pulling down the seed crystal, growing the oxide single crystal, and providing a cooling mechanism for directly cooling said oxide single crystal while said oxide single crystal is being drawn from said opening of said crucible.

B2 2. (Amended) A process for producing an oxide single crystal according to claim 1, wherein said oxide single crystal is cooled by removing ambient heat therefrom.

B2 3. (Amended) A process for producing an oxide single crystal according to claim 1, wherein said oxide single crystal is cooled by blowing a cooling medium thereon.

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In the Abstract:

Attached hereto as page 19, pursuant to Rule 1.121(b)(1)(iii), is a marked-up version of the Abstract showing changes being made thereto. Attached hereto as page 20, pursuant to Rule 1.121(b)(1)(ii) is a clean version of the Abstract incorporating the changes being made thereto. Please replace the original Abstract with the new Abstract attached as page 20.